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November 8, 1982

The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I have introduced S. 2919, a bill to provide funds for Soviet studies. I have introduced this bill with Senator Biden, the ranking minority member on the Subcommittee on European Affairs. The bill proposes to establish an endowment in the Treasury Department with a one-time appropriation of \$50 million. interest on this principal amount will be provided to the leading umbrella organizations in the field of Soviet studies to help redress our declining capabilities in that area. At current rates of interest, funds approximating four to five million dollars a year would be disbursed.

The Subcommittee on European Affairs received testimony on this subject on September 22. Among those who enthusiastically supported the concept of the bill were Deputy Secretary Stoessel, Admiral Inman, and General Odom. Each testified to the importance of restoring our capability in the field of Soviet studies and to the vital foreign policy, intelligence, and defense needs which this capability will help to meet.

I am well aware of the difficult budget situation which we face. Yet I am persuaded that this project is an important one which is fully justified even in this time of scarce federal resources. proposal has attracted a broad base of support in the Senate, and I am confident that with Administration backing it could become a reality in the near future. For this reason, I am writing to ask your support for this proposal and for your advocacy in Administration budget discussions. I have enclosed a copy of the bill and a brief summary of the problem which it intends to address. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the bill.

With continuing best wishes.

Sincerely,

has her Richard G. Lugar Chairman, Subcommittee on European Affairs

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